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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 8986

FOL TEL FROM SONGKHLA DATED 16 MAY SENT ACTION BANGKOK
REPEATED FOR UR INFO

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SONGKHLA 075

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, TH

SUBJ: SONGKHLA STUDENT PROTEST

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 HOURS MAY 16 SIX YOUNG PEOPLE DROVE
UP TO THE FRONT GATE OF THE CONSULATE IN A SONGKHLA UNIVERSITY
VEHICLE. THEY PASTED THREE COPIES OF A PROTEST NOTE AND DROVE
OFF.

2. THE PROTEST NOTE CLAIMS TO BE FROM THE PRINCE OF SONGKHLA
UNIVERSITY (PSU) STUDENT UNION. IT ACCUSES THE USG OF
IMPERIALISM FOR PECUNIARY PURPOSES, AND OF IGNORING THAI
SOVEREIGNTY, PARTICULARLY IN THE MATTER OF MILITARY BASES.
THAILAND IS MORE THAN A STAGING POINT FOR US MILITARISM. IF THE
USG PULLS ANOTHER STUNT WITH THE MARINES THE PEOPLE SHOULD
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RESIST. THE PSU STUDENT UNION WARNS THE PEOPLE TO STAY ALERT

TO THE DANGERS OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. WE WILL POUCH A COPY
MAY 20.

3. PSU IS NOT PRESENTLY IN SESSION, EXCEPT FOR NIGHT STUDENTS.
THE DAILY AFTERNOON RAIN CAME SHORTLY AFTER THE STUDENTS LEFT.
WE EXPECT THE WEEKEND TO ALSO COOL THINGS.

4. MIDDLE GRADE POLICE AND MILITARY OFFICERS IN NAKHON SI
THAMMARAT ARE REPORTEDLY NOT INCENSED ABOUT RECENT EVENTS
SURROUNDING THE FORCEFUL FREEING OF THE "MAYAGUEZ". THEY
FEEL THINGS WILL QUIET DOWN IF THE USG OFFERS AN APOLOGY TO THE
RTG FOR STAGING MARINES OUT OF UTHAPAO.

5. COMMENT: SOUTHERN STUDENTS ARE GENERALLY MORE PLACID THAN
THEIR COHORTS IN OTHER REGIONS. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, A GROUP
RESPONDED WITH REMARKABLE INITIATIVE. BRINGING THE MARINES
INTO THAILAND WAS QUITE A JOLT IF A MODERATE ORGANIZATION AS THE
STUDENT UNION FELT IT HAD TO RESPOND. THE CONSULATE HAS TAKEN
PRELIMINARY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT EXPECT
FURTHER INCIDENTS.
REUTHER UNQUOTE.
WHITEHOUSE

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